(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether high freight rates of steel makes it uncompetitive; and

(d) if so, what measures Government propose to take in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF STEEL (SHRI BRAJ KISHORE TRIPATHY): (a) and (b) The factors which determine freight rates are the distance travelled, tonnage carried, type of goods (whether perishable or non perishable), frequency of use of the freight carrier etc. The weightage given for different factors is not uniform in all the countries. Therefore, a comparison of freight rates of different countries may not yield a correct picture.

(c) and (d) The market price of steel is determined by several factors such as cost of raw materials, power tariff, fuel charges, workers' pay, cost of funds, freight rates etc. These factors are dynamic and are determined by the interplay of market forces. No single factor can, therefore, be held responsible for the prevailing prices of steel or its upward/ downward trends.

Setting up of a SAI Centre in M.P.

†1908. SHRI BALKAVI BAIRAGI: Will the Minister of YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that 100 acres of land had been transferred to the Sports Authority of India about a year ago, by the Madhya Pradesh Government, to set up a centre of central region of Sports Authority of India, in Bhopal;

(b) whether it is also a fact that the State Government has made a provision of Rs. 1.00 crore in Budget of current financial year; and

(c) if so, the reasons for the very slow progress of setting up of the above centre?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION (SYED SHAHNAWAZ HUSSAIN): (a) Yes, Sir.

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

(b) The Government of Madhya Pradesh had agreed to give Rs. 1 crore for developmental works at the SAI Centre which has not yet been released.

(c) The works for setting up of a SAI Centre at Bhopal are going on satisfactorily. The CPWD has completed the following items of work as on date.

(i) construction of sub-base for the two Hockey fields.

(ii) Construction of internal roads and drainage and site development.

(iii) Construction of underground sump for Hockey fields.

(iv) Street lighting.

(v) Tube well/pump.

(vi) Sub Station building.

(vii) Ground work for laying of high tension 750 KV line by MPEB.

Following works have also been given to Madhya Pradesh PWD, which are also in progress:

(i) Laying of synthetic surface on two hockey fields;

(ii) Balance works of laying of HT line, street lighting, tube well, sub station and site development;

(iii) Sprinkler system for hockey fields;

(iv) Pavilions around hockey fields;

(v) Flood lighting for hockey fields;

(vi) Construction of two multi purpose halls; and

(vii) Construction of hostels.